PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT.

Programme of Tank Restoration, 1926-27.

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(1) Proceedings of the meeting of the Executive Engineers held in the Dewan's Chambers, on the 19th July 1926.

(2) Notes ending with No. D. 303, dated 12th October 1926, by the Public Works Secretary, submitting a programme of tank restoration for the year 1926-27 and for the next three years.

ORDER NO. 724-741, DATED, CAMP MYSORE, THE 17TH OCTOBER 1926.

The grants applied for by the Chief Engineer of Mysore, for a number of irrigation works in his Draft Budget Estimates for 1926-27 had to be deleted on various grounds. In the course of the Budget discussion in June last in both the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council, the inadequacy of grants for Irrigation Works was brought to the notice of Government. The Dewan in his concluding speech at the Representative Assembly Session stated that "a very large number of tanks, big and small, have long remained in a state of disrepair, owing to one reason or another; and the representatives are quite right in insisting on their early restoration. Government realise that the matter is one that concerns not only the well-being of the raiyat, but also their own revenues, as well as the permanent assests of the State. A working programme of tank repairs will soon be drawn up and early action will be taken thereon. We hope to be able to spare some more money than we originally thought possible out of the Irrigation Cess Fund. I hope to be able to tell this House when we next meet, that some tangible progress has been made under this head." With a view to discuss this and other important questions of the Public Works Department, a conference was held on the 19th July 1926, at which all the Executive Engineers of Divisions were invited, and it was settled that a programme of tank restoration should be drawn up for the current year and for the following three years. The Public Works Secretary has submitted the programme.

2. It is seen therefrom that a number of large works, which had been stopped for want of funds, and several other new works, are proposed to be taken up. The grant required for the year 1926-27 will amount to Rs. 2,61,000, in addition to what has already been granted in the sanctioned Budget Estimates and the grant for the succeeding three years is put down at Rs. 3,52,500, 3,15,500 and 2,74,500.

3. Government are pleased to approve of the programme. The additional sum required will be allotted from the accumulated amount of Irrigation Cess Fund as an extra grant under "23. Irrigation."

Necessary action may be taken to obtain the sanction of the Legislative Council.

4. Government observe that the prosperity and happiness of the raiyats depend on the good condition of the tanks, and it is hoped that every endeavour will be made to work out the programme.

5. The question of taking up the construction of the Maralvadi tank and the Anjanapur Reservoir is under consideration and separate orders will issue in due course.

JOHN BHORE,
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

RAILWAY SECRETARIAT.

Appointment of Mr. M. Cheluve Urs.

ORDER NO. R. S. 670-75—RY. F. 131-E. 26-27, DATED 15TH OCTOBER 1926.

Mr. M. Cheluve Urs, who was awarded a Damodar Doss Foreign Scholarship in Government Order No. E. 3667-73—Edn. 55-23-78, dated 8th February 1924, to obtain operating experience in Loco Work in England, having now returned after completing his foreign training, is appointed as Assistant Loco Superintendent, Mysore Railways, on probation for one year with effect from 1st October 1926, on a starting pay of Rs. 250 per mensem in the grade of Rs. 200—25—450 against the existing vacancy.

C. DOVE-WILSON,
Secretary for Railways,
Government of Mysore.